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1. YEH Chien-ying, who has been recently suffering from a heart attack, has told his uncle that he is to be relieved of the chairmanship of the Kwangtung Government by the central authorities probably in early April. NIEH Jung-chen will take this position.\*
2. YEH further stated that CHU Te is to be removed from his position as Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Communist Army and will be replaced by LIU Po-ch'eng. LIU will also become superintendent of the Central Military Academy.
3. According to YEH, the 3 Field Army is to be taken over by the deputy commander, who is now in Korea.
4. These changes are all evidence of increasing control of the Government by the pro-Soviet leaders who use such ruthless methods to obtain their ends, YEH stated. Soviet control through this group of leaders has been considerably strengthened, and for the first time China is fully in the hands of a foreign power.

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**Comment.** These changes should not be regarded as a connected chain.

Comment. Although NIEH followed YEH as mayor of Peiping and although NIEH has recently given up this position with no other announced political position for him, it does not seem logical for YEH, a native of Kwangtung, to be replaced by a native of Szechuan. It is rumored that NIEH is to take over command in Korea, moreover.

Comment. The replacement of CHU by LIU will have had to be arranged diplomatically, as CHU is second only to MAO Tse-tung in public esteem, even though he has never been a politician. It appears probable that CHU will be ex-officio the president of the Central Military Academy. If LIU were to take over the command of all Chinese Communist Armies, his position as commander of the 2 Field Army might be taken over by CH'EN I.

**Comment.** SU Yu is deputy commander of the 3 Field Army.

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 Comment. [redacted] tells of changes on a slightly lower level instigated by members of the pro-Soviet group in an effort to maintain their control. This report also gives information on the possible appointment of NIEH as Commander of the 6 Field Army.

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